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organised sector and an umbrella legislation for ensuring a minimum level of protection to the workers in the unorganised sector. A two-year time frame has been given to the Second National Commission on Labour to submit its recommendations for consideration of the Government.

Stress-related mental disorder in workers

2942. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether depression is actually set to be the second most disabling illness for the corporate sector after cardie-vascular diseases in the globalisation period;

(b) if so, whether ILO and WHO studies have shown that employees are going to lose huge funds in sick leaves and lost working time of people in their most productive years as well as the number of employees is on the increase due to stress-related mental disorders; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to streamline the employee friendly environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Dues paid to employees

2943. SHRI GAYA SINGH:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) out of the factories that were closed during the years 1998, 1999 and 2000 in how many factories the employees were not paid the statutory dues like wage arrears gratuity, retrenchment provident fund contribution of the employees and the contribution collected from the workers; and

(b) what is the aggregate amount that is due to the workers from the employers in the various terms referred to above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Information on outstanding statutory dues of workers for factories that have closed down is not being maintained separately. Organisations of the Central Provident Fund Commissioner, the Employees State Insurance Corporation, the Central Labour Commissioner, etc. assess the statutory dues of workers on the basis of inspections carried out by them. The position of outstanding statutory dues of workers in Central Public Sector Undertakings is being monitored on a quarterly basis. According to the latest information available for the quarter ending September 2000, the total outstanding dues of workers in CPSUs was around Rs. 1800 crore of which around 16% was on account of wages, 45% on account of Provident Fund, 19% on account of pension, 6% on account of ESI and remaining on account of other dues of workers.

Closure of factories

2944. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of factories closed during the years 1998-99 and 2000;
- (b) how many of them are big, medium and small scale industrial units; and
- (c) how many workers have become unemployed due to the closure of these factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) According to information available